

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

**O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.**

**GREETING**

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**  
The Lord be with you.  
And with your spirit.

**PENITENTIAL ACT**

Lord Jesus, you healed the sick: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**  
Lord Jesus, you forgave sinners: Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**  
Lord Jesus, you give yourself to heal us and bring us strength: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**  
May almighty God have mercy on us....  
**Amen.**

**THE GLORIA**

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.  
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.  
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

**OPENING PRAYER**

Almighty ever-living God, direct our actions according to your good pleasure, that in the name of your beloved Son, we may abound in good works.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ....

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**FIRST READING Nehemiah 8: 2-6. 8-10**

**A reading from the book of Nehemiah**  
Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people - since he stood higher than all the people - Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people

raised their hands and answered 'Amen! Amen!'; then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read.

Then Nehemiah - His Excellency - and Ezra, priest and scribe (and the Levites who were instructing the people) said to all the people, 'This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep.' For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law.

He then said, 'Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.'

**The word of the Lord.**  
**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps18:8-10.15**

**R. Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life.**

- The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul.  
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. **[R]**
- The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart.  
The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. **[R]**
- The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever.  
The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. **[R]**
- May the spoken words of my mouth, the thoughts of my heart, win favour in your sight, O Lord, my rescuer, my rock! **[R]**

**SECOND READING 1 Corinthians**

**(Shorter form only, 12:12-14.27)**

**A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians**

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts.

Now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.

**The word of the Lord.**  
**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**The Lord has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to the captives. Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL Luke 1:1-4;4:14-21**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.**

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that

have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received.

Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him.

He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written:

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour.

He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.'

**The Gospel of the Lord.**  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**NICENE CREED**

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

*All bow for following three lines:*  
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

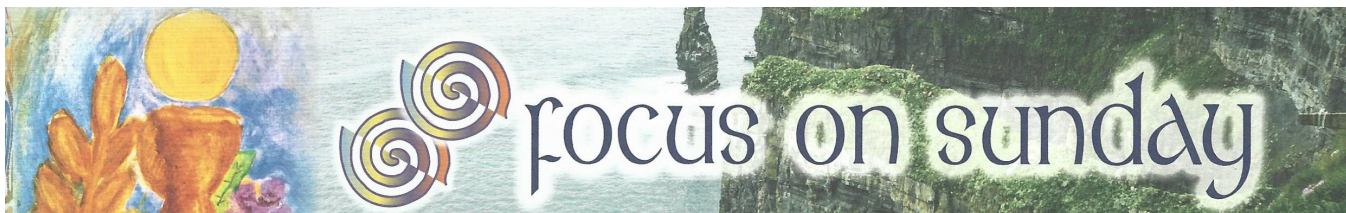
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

**Amen**



*Sunday of the Word of God. Catholic Schools Week*

**Jesus preached with power that the kingdom of God has come. This kingdom is seen, not in prestige and wealth, but in justice, peace, reconciliation and love. The gospel invites us to share in working for that kingdom.**

**LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

Pray brothers and sisters.....  
May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

Accept our offerings, O Lord, we pray, and in sanctifying them grant that they may profit us for salvation. Through Christ our Lord.

**EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

The Lord be with you.  
And with your spirit.  
Lift up your hearts.  
We lift them up to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right and just.

**SANCTUS**

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

**AFTER THE CONSECRATION**

*The mystery of faith.*  
When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

**INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION**

Behold the Lamb of God, .....  
Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

**Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, receiving the grace by which you bring us to new life, we may always glory in your gift. Through Christ our Lord.

**CONCLUDING RITE**

The Lord be with you.  
And with your spirit.

May the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Go in peace.  
Thanks be to God.



*The spirit of the Lord is upon me*

Jesus' words today, at the Beginning of his ministry are like a priest's sermon at his first Mass – on a theme or themes important to the priest. He knows he is appointed and chosen by God.

Jesus, in this sermon presents his mission statement:

- He is anointed by the Spirit of the Lord.
- He cares for the poor and those who are looked down upon.
- And that the Lord is always loving, by proclaiming the 'year of the Lord's favour.

**LEARNT AT HOME**

We can remember also that he learnt all that at home from Mary and Joseph. He would spend his life fulfilling his mission statement.


The word must become active and fulfilled. It is not just letters on a paper, but energy in the heart, to proclaim and live out the love of God. This will be his life.

Like oil seals in the flavour of food or sealing wax on a letter meant that nobody could open it, the love of God is sealed in, and nothing you or I can do can block that again. The secret of happiness is to know that we are loved. This was sealed into the heart of Jesus and is still there in the love of his heart.

This love will be spread by his followers, and in our second reading we are invited simply to recognise our own gifts and offer these to God. In this Catholic Schools Week, we gratefully greet the teachers of our young people, and particularly our religion teachers and chaplains who are among the important ones today for handing on the faith with the support particularly of the parents and grandparents.

*Donal Neary SJ (editor Sacred Heart Messenger)*

**Jesus' Story** *Fr. Liam Hickey*



Jesus is asked to read a story from the Sacred Scroll Book. He stood up in front of everyone. He was handed the holy scroll. He opened it and read God's Story. Then He sat down. Everyone watched him. He said that the story means that God loves every person, boy and girl, religious and non religious people. He said 'I have come to bring God's blessings and healing for everyone.'

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# ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, BALLYHAUNIS

## PARISH NEWSLETTER 23rd JANUARY 2022

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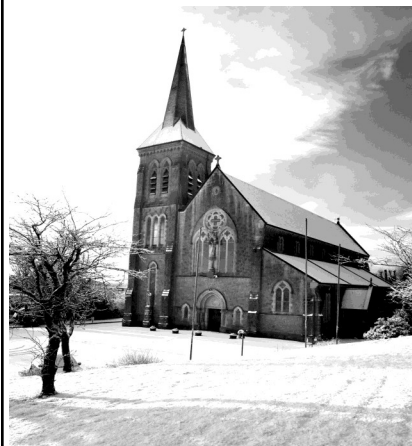
Local Safeguarding Representative (LSR) Jacinta Flynn, (contact the parish office)

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### MASSES:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 10.00am.

Saturday Evening Vigil: 7.30pm

Sunday: 10.00am. 12.00 noon

### CONFESSIONS:

Before Saturday Vigil Mass

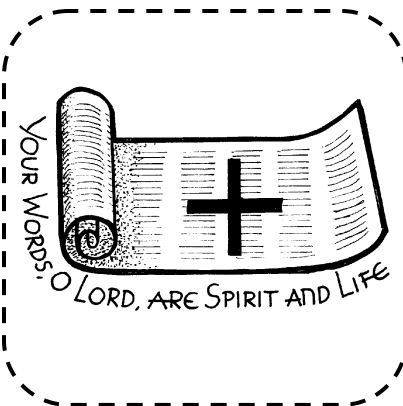
### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Friday: 10.30am. - 1.00pm.

### BAPTISMS

Saturdays & Sundays 11.00am.

Minimum of two weeks' notice required. Contact the parish office, 094-9630006, for updates due to ongoing Covid-19 restrictions.



## ANNIVERSARY MASSES 24th - 30th JANUARY 2022

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 10.00am. Saturday 7.30pm.**

Austin Biesty, Pattenspark, & decd. of the Biesty & Conway families

Jim Connell, Devlis

Christina Elwood, Upper Main St.

Martin Gallagher, Drimbane

Patrick, Mary, Bernie, Pado & Jarlath Moran, Tooraree

Alacoque Fleming, Ballinrobe

Tom & Agnes Ruane & decd. Bargarriff

Tom & John Fitzmaurice & decd. Tullaghaune

Tom, Bridie & John Michael McGuire, Lisbane

Mark & Eileen Fitzmaurice, Brackloon, & decd. of the McGuire & Fitzmaurice families

Decd. of the Maughan family, Lisbane

Peg & Bill O'Malley, Castlebar

Desmond & Mary Fitzgerald, Bridge St.

John & Tommie Hopkins & decd. Larganboy

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**Sunday 30th January 10.00am. Month's Mind:** Colin Egan, Clagnagh

24th - 30th Jan.	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
Monday	Jarlath Fahey	Anne Carney, Joe Byrne
Tuesday	Tommy Caulfield	Lorraine Waldron, Breege Halpin
Wednesday	Martin Fitzmaurice	Margie Gallagher, Margaret Byrne
Friday	Christina Concannon	Kay Curley, Willie Broderick
Saturday 7.30pm.	Pat Curley	Tim Byrne, Frances Mulhern, Seamus Mulrennan
Sunday 10.00am.	Anne Durkan	Eileen Lynch, Marie Brennan, Margaret Tarpey
Sunday 12.00	Brendan Donnellan	Mary T. Griffin, Eileen Jordan, Eileen Donnellan

### Offertory Collection

16th January 2022  
€1,570

### Recently Deceased

We remember in our prayers  
Noreen Morley, Knox St.

**WEEKLY ENVELOPES:** Sincere thanks to all who are returning their weekly contributions either by envelope or by direct debit. Envelopes can be returned at any of the daily Masses or dropped in the letter box of the Parochial House. If you wish to set up a direct debit, the account details are as follows: Ballyhaunis Parish Church. BIC: ULSB IE 2D IBAN: IE69 ULSB 9852 7005 5200 31

**PARISH CALENDARS 2022** are available in the church porch. Please take one home and bring one to a friend or neighbour who may not be in a position to get one.

Copies of the Irish Catholic newspaper are available at the back of the church. Cost €2.50, please place money in the nearby candelabra.

**SYNODAL PATHWAY WEBSITE:** A new website [synod.ie](http://synod.ie) has been launched to support engagement with the national synodal pathway for the Catholic Church in Ireland. The website provides information about the synodal pathway and the timeline for the work, as well as making available a variety of resources to support engagement.

### PUBLIC HEALTH GUIDELINES FOR ATTENDING MASS:

For clarity following recent updated Covid guidance, Religious Services in Places of Worship are unchanged regarding capacity, with all other protective measures in place to ensure safety of the congregation, i.e. wearing of masks and hand sanitising - even if we have received the vaccine.

Likewise, there are no changes to attendance at funeral services however any post funeral service gatherings must comply with hospitality rules including no multiple table bookings. With regard to wakes in private homes general advice on household mixing is 3 other households (4 in total) applies.

**Please use the lighters for lighting candles as the hand sanitiser is highly flammable.**

While the church building and ancillary buildings (toilets and sacristy) are sanitised before and after each Mass or ceremony, we want to stress that if you manifest any of the symptoms of Covid-19, if you have any underlying health issues, or feel that you might be endangering your health by entering a church building, then we encourage you to continue to join us on parish radio 105.2FM or on the parish webcam: [www.ballyhaunisparish.ie/webcam](http://www.ballyhaunisparish.ie/webcam)

All weekday and weekend Masses, and the daily rosary at 9.00pm continue to be broadcast on parish radio 105.2FM and streamed on the parish webcam: <https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-patricks-church-ballyhaunis>

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK** is being celebrated in schools across the island of Ireland from Sunday 23rd to Sunday 30th January. The theme for Catholic Schools Week 2022 is 'Catholic Schools: Living Life to the Full'.

During Catholic Schools Week families, parishes and schools are invited to participate in a week of celebration of Catholic schools reflecting on their contribution to the common good of society.

**BALLYHAUNIS COMMUNITY COUNCIL** monthly meeting takes place on Wednesday next, 26th January at 8.00pm. in the Friary House. In addition to updates on the refurbishment works at the Community Hall, a number of training and funding schemes and other matters of local interest will be discussed. All are welcome.

**BALLYHAUNIS TABLE TENNIS CLUB** welcomes people of all ages and abilities to join their weekly club nights—Monday and Wednesday, 6.00—8.00pm. In the Friary. Coaching and bats provided for beginners. Contact 087-3256133

**BALLYHAUNIS TIDY TOWNS:** If you find that the bottle banks are full when you come to recycle, please notify Glassco on 091-395400.

**COMPUTER-BASED BUSINESS COURSES** starting in Ballinrobe and Swinford in early February 2022.

The courses are free and provide unemployed adults with an opportunity to return to education, update their skills, and learn new skills in a supportive learning environment. All course materials are provided, including the use of a laptop, family friendly hours, small class sizes and QQI accreditation. VTOS eligibility criteria may apply.

For further details contact **Beatrice**, Further Education Centre, Ballinrobe. 086-0610020; email: [beatricebrophy@msletb.ie](mailto:beatricebrophy@msletb.ie) or **Emer**, Further Education Centre, Swinford. 086-0610009; email: [emermullins@msletb.ie](mailto:emermullins@msletb.ie)

**Extract from homily of Archbishop Francis Duffy at his Installation, Cathedral of the Assumption, Tuam, Sunday, January 9th 2022 (contd.)**



**Synodal Path:** Archbishop Duffy reflected on the ongoing Synod in the Church. He said; "It is timely, it is good and it is exciting that Pope Francis has moved the Church, worldwide, on to a synodal path, and done so with great enthusiasm and conviction. There have already been synods and synodal type practices for several years internationally and at home. Many dioceses continue to travel that road, it isn't always easy, it can be challenging and it can be energising. The Holy Spirit is present and who knows where that combination of listening, walking together and prayer and discerning will lead? It presents a way of being Church and of living out our baptism. It is not an instant solution. We have to remember it is a pathway not a runway. But, it is the way to go". Photographs of the Installation ceremony can be viewed on <https://www.tuamparish.com> Webcam recording of the ceremony can be viewed on <https://www.mcnmedia.tv/Cameras/Player/33679>

### Prayer of invocation to the Holy Spirit for an ecclesial assembly of governance or discernment (thus synodal)

Every session of the Second Vatican Council began with the prayer Adsumus Sancte Spiritus, the first word of the Latin original meaning, "We stand before You, Holy Spirit," which has been historically used at Councils, Synods and other Church gatherings for hundreds of years, being attributed to Saint Isidore of Seville (c. 560 - 4 April 636).

As we are called to embrace this synodal path of the Synod 2021-2023, this prayer invites the Holy Spirit to operate within us so that we may be a community and a people of grace. For the Synod 2021-2023, we propose to use this simplified version We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

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**MAYO CANCER SUPPORT** offers a range of emotional supports to people with cancer and their families. Call 094 9038407 for information.

**CENSUS 2022 - 3rd APRIL:** Census Enumerators are required for Census 2022. Applications will be accepted online on [www.census.ie](http://www.census.ie) Closing date for applications is 26th January.

**LOCAL LINK BUS SERVICES** are available in the Ballyhaunis area on Fridays from Derrynacong & Killinaugher via Spaddagh & Classaroe, from Tullaghaune via Derrintogher, Lecarrow & Devlis, from Kilkelly via Aghamore, Coogue North & Kilgarraff, and from Brickers & Began. Contact 094-9005150.